

# SPY PENETRATION OF N.A.T.O. FEARED

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**R**USSIAN intelligence may have succeeded in a wide penetration of N.A.T.O.'s military plans through agents holding senior posts within the organisation's headquarters, which were moved to Brussels from Paris 15 months ago.

Fears that Moscow has been operating a successful spy ring inside N.A.T.O. have been brought into the open with the revelation this week that a Turkish official in Belgium, is now under arrest in Ankara on suspicion of espionage.

Special security officers are now making thorough anti-espionage checks in all N.A.T.O. establishments. At Izmir in Turkey N.A.T.O.'s south-eastern headquarters, Turkish counter-intelligence agents are co-operating with allied investigators.

## Strict secrecy

According to Turkish Press reports this weekend, the Turkish official arrested in Brussels and flown to Ankara under heavy guard in conditions of great secrecy about two weeks ago, is Mr. Nihat Imre, formerly financial comptroller at N.A.T.O. headquarters in Brussels.

He is undergoing long daily periods of interrogation before Turkish military authorities. A cloak of strict secrecy is being kept around the results of this cross examination. It is believed that Imre will be tried in camera before a Turkish military court.

The Turkish Government is keeping all N.A.T.O. member States closely informed on the results of the interrogation. The lengthy cross-examination indicates that a substantial amount of information is being obtained.

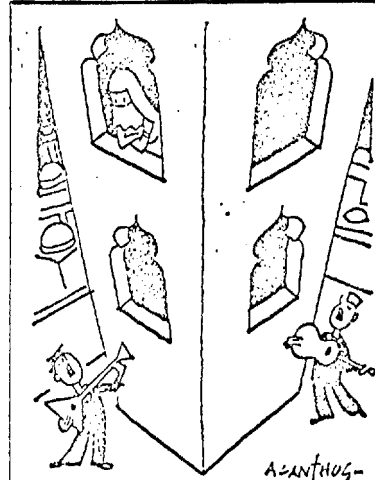
## 'Serious breaches'

Turkish newspapers say that Imre was caught red-handed selling secrets to the Russians. They say he had been photographing secret military and other documents over a long period.

A Turkish Foreign Ministry spokesman today declined to give any details of the affair, saying that the matter was still being investigated.

N.A.T.O. officials will not say more than that a Turkish official has been turned over to Turkish authorities. He had committed "serious breaches of security," they said guardedly.

American Central Intelligence teams are working with intelli-



"Oh Allah! The Black Sea Fleet and the Yankee Fifth Fleet!"

gence agents of other N.A.T.O. countries on leads revealed during the interrogation of Imre.

The West German intelligence organisation is believed to have uncovered important evidence that Russian spies had penetrated N.A.T.O.

Press reports here say that Imre's nerves began cracking a few months before he was arrested. He was drinking and gambling heavily it is alleged.

## Wallace is gaining.

From Our Own Correspondent  
NEW YORK, Saturday.

Mr. George Wallace, former Governor of Alabama, is "the most formidable third-party candidate since Teddy Roosevelt in 1912" according to a Gallup Poll research team. They say he is scoring with the same groups on both sides of the Mason-Dixon line, although in the south support is stronger.

In both the 13-state South, as well as the 37-state North, his appeal to artisans is greater than to the white-collar group. He is more popular with men than with women, mainly because "women are much more likely to be doves"

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